

REMARKS

Claims 24-28, 40-45 and 52-53 have been examined. The Examiner has objected to claims 28, 44 and 45, and rejected claims 24-25, 27, 41, 52 and 53. The Examiner indicated that claims 26, 40, 42 and 43 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 54-62 are added by this Amendment. Claims 26, 28 and 40 are cancelled by this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 24-25, 27, 41-45 and 52-62 are all the claims now pending in the application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 44-45 have been amended as shown above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments overcome the Examiner's objections.

Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 26, and claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 40. As the Examiner indicated that claims 26 and 40 contained allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24 and 25 are now in a condition for allowance.

Claim 54 has been added. This claim corresponds to claim 25 amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 43. As the Examiner indicated that claim 43 contained allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 54 is now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 55-62 have been added. As claims 55 and 59 contains limitations that the Examiner has stated are not taught in the prior art (Office Action at p. 5), and as claims 56-58 and 60-62 depend from claims 55 and 59, respectively, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that each pending claim is now in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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